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Central students are voice of women's rights at White House

by Amy Gegoux
Staff reporter

Women's issues ascended the White House steps in the nation's Capitol last weekend. More than one million people attended the March for Women's Lives, including five Central Washington University students. The march was intended to be a voice for women's rights.

"The march was one of the most energizing experiences of my life," Caitlin White, junior sociology major, public relations director of Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance (FMLA), said. "So many people marching for a single reason; they care about the health and well-being of women around the globe. The message is loud and clear — feminists are the majority and we have the right to choose."

The March for Women's Lives is a nationwide campaign targeting women's reproductive rights. This year's event covered controversial issues like: abortions, emergency contraception, education, access to other forms of birth control, repealing the global gag rule, gay marriages and the right to vote.

"It felt great to stand up for myself and other women by letting the government know that we will not tolerate their disregard for women's rights," Lindsay Jacobson, sophomore, undecided, FMLA recruitment chair, said. "I was proud to be a part of such a huge, history-making event that involved so many men and women that care about the lives of women."

For the first time ever, seven leading pro-choice women's rights organizations worked together to make the March for Women's Lives happen. One of the main supporters was the Planned Parenthood Federation of America. Washington's affiliate of Planned Parenthood sponsored the Central students by providing their hotel rooms, dinners and taxis. The students were also given T-shirts, stickers and signs to use while participating in the march.

"We are so grateful for the generosity of the Planned Parenthood staff," White said. "Both the Ellensburg and Yakima clinics provided the support necessary; they really made this experience happen."

The Central students were pleased to see so many men, women and children showing their support for these issues. People from around the world traveled to Washington D.C. to attend the event.

"Experiencing the power and unity of the people at the 'March for Women's Lives,' has given me hope and faith in the future of our country, I now know that one person does make a difference," Andres Duarte, junior, sociology major, FMLA events chair, said. "I will advocate for the equality of all people regardless of sex, race, or sexual orientation. This experience has opened my mind like nothing else and has given me the opportunity to make a difference. I give thanks to everyone who have and continue to support us. Thank you."

The march was informational,

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Despite economy doubts, hope stirs in graduates

by Stuart Perkins
Staff reporter

A sluggish economy and reports of high unemployment rates may have some graduating students wondering if they should come back for another degree. However, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the unemployment rate for Washington state is currently about 6.1 percent, which is down from the 7.5 percent unemployment rate from this time last year. The national unemployment rate is 5.7 percent. While Washington state's unemployment rate is higher than the national one, this is not something new. According to work-forceexplorer.com, Washington state's unemployment rate has

remained above the national average for the past 25 years.

"I have an internship lined up, but I'm still worried that in the end I won't have a job because the economy is so bad," Jessica Pingatore, senior public relations major, said.

Still, some occupations are expected to see growth in the near future. The National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE) reports that management, accounting, sales, teaching and construction engineering are the top five jobs for 2003-2004 graduates.

"If I can't get a job at the International Television Channel, then I will go back to Japan where the

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photos courtesy of Caitlin White

Upper left: Central students Caitlin White (left), Lindsay Jacobson (middle) and a friend from SPU handed out cards to people as part of the Feminist Majority Foundation's "Get Out Her Vote" voter registration campaign.

Upper right: A man displays one of many signs present at the march.

Bottom: People listen to a motivational speaker at the beginning of the march. The march began at the mall, went around the White House and returned to the start.

Debate heats Fireside Chat

by Rachel Guillermo
Asst. News editor

It was getting hot by the fireplace as about 30 students and a handful of faculty members gathered in President Jerilyn McIntyre's home for the spring quarter fireside chat on Monday, April 26.

Members of the president's cabinet were present, including David Soltz, provost/senior vice president for academic affairs, Libby Street, executive assistant to the president, Rich Corona, vice president for business and financial affairs and Charlotte Tullios, vice president for student affairs and enrollment management. The small group of students that were in attendance represented different factions around the university. The most prominently represented group was a majority of the Central Washington University wrestlers.

McIntyre started off the evening's chat with some discus-

sion about the school's budget and enrollment.

"We've been through a very interesting four years in my time as president here at Central," McIntyre said. "We started out my first fall here with an abrupt enrollment downturn which resulted in a budget cut that re-based our enrollment down. And then the economy kind of got into some difficult circumstances over the last four years. So the net effect of all of that is that over a period of four years, an accumulative budget cut of 7.9%, \$17 million."

The panel's first issue of the night addressed concern for what student's tuition is being used for, whether or not the money was being spent on the new buildings around campus.

"First of all, money for buildings can't be used for salaries for either administrators or for people who teach classes," McIntyre said. "It's money called 'one time

money.' There's a difference between one-time money and on-going money. So if you bond for a building, you pay for it and it's built and the money is gone."

The open forum quickly began to heat up between the panel and Central wrestlers when Aaron Mann, junior philosophy major, addressed an enrollment cap as a possible solution to the recent budget cut that resulted in the cutting of the wrestling and swimming programs at Central.

"We have one of the lowest kickbacks in the state, of colleges," Mann said. "But in our instance, we are the only school in the state that has a program for wrestling and there are 7,000 wrestlers in the state in high school. That alone, even if hundred of them came to this school, only 30 of them would make the team. That alone should be making up in budgets. Why is

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Dean search ends close to home

by Jennifer Turner
Staff reporter

Beginning May 1, a search that began four years ago will finally yielded some permanent results. Meghan Miller has been selected as the new dean of Central Washington University's College of the sciences.

"Her experience, vision and leadership will serve the College of the Sciences well as we transform Central Washington University," David Soltz, provost, said in a statement released on Friday, April 23.

Miller received a Ph.D. in geology from Stanford University and her Bachelors of Science in the same subject at Yale University. She has been a Central faculty member since 1991 and was, at one point, chair of the geology department.

"Under her leadership, the department grew to regional prominence in teaching and research," Soltz said. "(Miller) developed and implemented a very successful graduate program and developed a strong program of undergraduates that is closely integrated with faculty scholarship and funded from all of the major federal sources."

Since September 2002, Miller has served as the interim dean for

the COTS, garnering two years of experience in the position.

"It's nice to have somebody in that position that has been here for a solid decade," Nick Zentner, geology instructor, said. "She understands who we are and what we are trying to do."

COTS, which encompasses all aspects of behavioral, natural and social sciences, had been looking for a candidate that could provide "vision, leadership and support for continuous improvement in all matters affecting the college" as dean, according to the search committee's Website, www.cwu.edu/~provost/cotsearch/.

In the summer of 2000, former dean of the COTS, John Ninnemann, left creating a vacancy that until recently Miller filled, as interim dean. Another previous search had been conducted, however, no candidates were deemed eligible at that time.

The COTS search committee began advertising the opening for the position fall quarter 2003 with the drastically different results of approximately 40 eligible applicants. Throughout January and February, the committee screened the applicants and conducted telephone interviews. From a pool of

10 applicants, three were selected for on-campus interviews.

"We had a good applicant pool," Roy Savoian, dean of the college of business and chair of the search committee, said. "(We had) a lot of strong candidates for campus interviews. The candidates met a broad pool of faculty members. It was pretty extensive and exhaustive."

Soltz reviewed the candidates' information and ultimately made the final decision at the end of last week. Miller will begin her duties as dean on May 1.

"I'm excited for her," Zentner said. "She has done great things for (the geology) department. I think she has a nice vision for the COTS as well. It's a positive thing."

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Animal cruelty discussed

by Jennifer Turner
Staff reporter

Most people probably would not advocate the harsh treatment of and outright cruelty to animals, yet it happens every single day. A new club on Central Washington University's campus, Action for Animals (AFA), is focused on educating students and staff about the conditions that animals, specifically primates, are faced with.

"We try to raise issues about animal welfare and animal rights," Laura Schierhoff, senior psychology, primate behavior and ecology major and AFA member, said. "We try to promote vegetarianism, and bring up topics like the exploitation and experimentation of animals."

At 6 p.m. tonight in Randall Hall room 117, AFA is sponsoring a presentation by Matt Russell, a noted scientist involved in the non-profit organization In Defense of Animals (IDA). Roger Fouts, co-director of the Chimpanzee Human Communication Institute (CHCI) on campus, will be introducing Russell.

"Our fellow animals in our culture and civilization are still viewed as machines," Fouts said. "But they are capable of suffering and they have certain needs and requirements for their general health just like you and I do."

According to the IDA Web site www.idausa.org, the organization

puts on "campaigns and programs [that] cover animals around the world, through investigation, rescue and rehabilitation, public education, political and consumer advocacy and litigation. From working to protect the rights of America's companion animals, to rescuing feral goats on Catalina Island, to fighting to end the horrific trade in dog meat in Korea, IDA's campaigns reach far and wide."

One of its current campaigns, Boycott Oregon Health and Sciences University (OHSU), came into play after Russell, a former laboratory technician at the facility, reported the cruel and inhumane treatment the primates were receiving.

"[Russell] goes around sharing his experience working in

the lab, so we wanted to bring him here," Schierhoff said.

On the campaign's Web site, www.boycottohhsu.com, Russell shares his experience at the OHSU facility, saying "I have worked at the Oregon Regional Primate Research Center as an animal technician for more than two years and what I saw broke my heart every day."

"He had a good idea and he did something very brave," Fouts said. "People like Matt are necessary to point out what's going on here."

For more information about Action for Animals, In Defense of Animals or Matt Russell, contact afacwu@yahoo.com.

“...what I saw broke my heart everyday.”

Matt Russell
In Defense of Animals rep

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explaining why it is important that women's rights are not taken away. It was held to show not only women but everyone the importance of women's choice.

"One idea of the rally is keeping abortion legal to prevent back-alley abortions, which are unsafe," Diane Bedwell, junior sociology and anthropology major, said. "By making abortion illegal, it doesn't stop women from having them, so the issue is whether or not we want abortion to be safe."

Some common chants at the march according to the Central students were: "Gay, straight, black and white, all unite for women's rights; What do we want? Choice! When do we want it? Now!"

A few prominent women the Central students saw were Maria Cantwell and Hilary Clinton, both in support of the march.

"Who gets to make the decision, the politicians or the people who are affected?" Bedwell asked.

At 5 p.m. Tuesday May 11 at the Chief Owhi Room in the SUB will be "a March for Women's Lives: Our journey towards feminist activism," a slide-show presentation, explanation of the trip and question and answer session. The FMLA invites students to attend.

More BOD according to itself

by Marcus Tabert
Staff reporter

Editor's note: This article is the second in a series reflecting on the outgoing BOD administration from its perspective.

An eventful school year for members of the Associated Students of Central Washington University Board of Directors (ASCWU/BOD), is approaching its end.

"As a board (we have) been very fragmented," Peter Barbee, vice president for academic affairs, said. "It's been difficult to act as a board, whereas our individual offices have been shining."

Cindy Figueroa, vice president for equity and community service, attributes the problems of the BOD to a breakdown in communication and the inability of members to get over problems.

"I think the biggest mistake we

made was not being able to move on," Figueroa said. "A lot of times it was like people were just dwelling. Months later, people were still dwelling on Convergence. If there was a system of communication, I guarantee we could have avoided at least 90 percent of the problems we had this year."

Barbee stressed individual achievement of board members over united accomplishment of the board.

This quarter, Barbee has been working on the student government scholarship, something he is very proud of. Through the program, the BOD is awarding two \$500 scholarships to students. But according to Barbee, the money comes out of the BOD's budget and nothing gets put back in. His goal is to set up an endowment fund.

"I'd like to establish a legacy for this endowment fund," Barbee said. "That's really important to me. Leaving a permanent mark rather

than one year's little mark."

This year, Barbee also worked to ensure the academic rights and privileges of students serving in Iraq and has been actively involved in planning for SAFARI, the new online registration system.

"The biggest issue students have (with SAFARI) is how (they will) be notified of when they are going to register," Barbee said. "The response I got from the registrar is that it's all going to be done by e-mail. If students don't check (their) e-mail account, (they're) screwed."

Barbee has been researching other options of notifying students of their registration date so the system is not reliant on a single source.

Like Barbee, Figueroa was proud of her accomplishments this year, but regretted not being able to unite the BOD.

"I was more or less a mediator of

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enrollment not capped?"

McIntyre's response to that was short and to the point.

"Well, that's being discussed," McIntyre said. "But at the same time, there is a lot of discussion about the 'baby boom' echo, which is the students graduating from high school in the next several years will basically reach its peak in 2008. So the legislature is saying we should be accommodating that enrollment growth."

McIntyre then continued to address the concerns of cutting the wrestling and swimming programs.

"We do get some state support for the athletic programs," McIntyre said. "But not entirely. A big part of the athletic program is state support, athletic fee and the income from concessions from contracts from one kind or another. The decision we reached was reached after three years of study."

A break in the intense discussion was broken when McIntyre was asked about a rumor concerning early retirement before her contract was up. Her response to that filled the room with much needed laughter as she jokingly accused Matt Schmitt, student trustee, of starting the rumor.

Inevitably the discussion came back to that of the wrestling program. At the night's end, it was apparent that both sides of the panel were frustrated with the situation as Mann walked out of the room 10 minutes before the broadcast was over.

"I thought it (the discussion) was extremely political," Mann said. "They did a very good job of side stepping a lot of questions by giving a lot of indirect answers which satisfies most people. However, my answers did not come directly and when I addressed that problem it was still dealt indirectly. I was extremely disappointed and I felt like it was rehearsed. I felt like they knew what they were going to say and that they weren't going to consider any alternative reason. They already had their stance, they weren't going to be swayed any way and it makes me sick."

Soltz had a different take on the night's event.

"I thought tonight was fine," Soltz said. "I thought the students were polite. They asked appropriate questions. It was a decision that was made and they don't agree with [it]."

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Charlotte Tullos (left) and Jerilyn McIntyre field questions Monday evening ranging from the importance of supporting the music department to rumors of early retirement and budgeting rationale.

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As a student of CWU over the last two years, I have been involved with a number of student groups. I was Chairperson of Disability Awareness Week last year, and am the current President of Access Belonging Learning Equality (ABLE). I have been an advocate for web accessibility on campus, have helped bring e-text to our students, and have worked on updating the University's Priority Snow Removal.

Cindy Figueroa



As current Vice-President for Equity and Community Service, I've had the opportunity to develop the skills needed to be the most effective president. The key factor in being the most successful in the

ASCWU-BOD President's position is to maintain open and honest communication channels between students and administration. With my education in the communication field, I can be the foundation for a rock-solid ASCWU-BOD.

David Kalua



Our current campaign has been developed from extensive conversation with members of the student body, including many clubs and organizations. Students First has been dubbed as our campaign slogan. Our sole purpose in this endeavor is to put the student back into student body.

Lucas Westcoat



I, Lucas Westcoat, believe that the ASCWU-BOD exists for the sole purpose of exploring and fighting for whatever students deem to be important. I am running for President of the ASCWU-BOD for this exact reason. It should be the overriding goal of the President to

be the force that keeps the Board moving in a positive direction. This board should be making significant strides to keep itself accountable to the students at all times, and at all costs, never keeping students in the dark or under informed.

Patrick Wicklund



My goals are simple; I will bring professionalism back to our scandal-prone student government and make meaningful changes to enhance the experiences students have during their time in Ellensburg. The upcoming school year will bring with it the threat of increased tuition. My experience in politics will help the ASCWU to send the message strong and clear to lawmakers in Olympia that higher tuition is unacceptable.

Vice President

Diane Bedwell



As the Executive V.P., I intend to represent the entire student body at

CWU. One of the roles of the Executive V.P. is to nominate students to the committees that affect the student population on and off campus. I will ensure that students serving on the committees have diverse backgrounds and represent the entire student body. I want every student to know that his or her voice is being heard.

Kevin DeVries



Having been President of an ESC organization I know the power within students to change their environment. I will strive to continue with CWU's enrichment and to have the student government be responsive to the concerns of all students. I also believe that we can improve our relations with Ellensburg and work towards the building of one community.

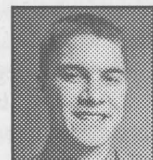
Derek Jones



Recreation, athletics, clubs, organizations, and student life are all part of what we seek to improve

this coming 2004-05 school year. The pending budget crisis has affected more than just clubs, academic departments and sports; it has hurt the very nature and pride of this institution. One issue at a time, step by step, our greatest intentions are to give the power back to students by acting as their spokesperson.

Derrick Peters



My mission is to provide the students of Central Washington University the opportunity to voice their opinions and have the Board of Directors respond to those student concerns effectively. I will listen to all student concerns in an effort to acknowledge all concerns to create a better future and student life at CWU. My vision is to create a campus where academic value is important, professional development is stressed and the BOD work collaboratively with the students for the overall good of CWU.

Primary election voting begins at midnight May 5 with the results being posted at 11:59 p.m. May 6.

McIntyre lobbies for ed budget in nation's capital

by Marty Maley
Asst. News Editor

Rent, books, food and gas. The cost of attending a four-year institution can be daunting. More students than ever are applying for assistance. Central Washington University President Jerilyn McIntyre felt that someone should talk to our government and explain the problem. So the President went to Washington.

McIntyre addressed Washington's congressional delegations in Washington D.C. April 5 - 9 lobbying for more financial assistance for students.

That assistance will help address increased student financial need, as tuition is scheduled to go up seven percent for next year according to Central's budget planning.

"Our budget is largely made up of the state tax support, the tuition component, and a certain amount that comes from auxiliary like the bookstore and parking," McIntyre said.

"All the public universities had a big budget cut," McIntyre said. "We were all told you won't have to take a budget cut of that size if you increase your tuition to cover the costs."

The tuition increase was authorized when budgets were projected to

be cut, before the state added the current budget increases to Central.

"They typically don't do anything to the biennial budget in the supplemental session," McIntyre said. "It's kind of unusual to have the kind of activity that we saw."

The tuition increase is still essential, McIntyre said, to fund the 900 additional students anticipated to be on Central's campus next year.

"We're still facing the problem of making sure we have adequate money to cover the instructional cost of the real number of students we have," McIntyre said.

McIntyre said a fair ratio between state tax support and student support for public universities would be 25 percent from tuition and 75 percent from the state. Currently at Central the

percentage that comes from tuition is closer to 40 percent and about 60 percent from the state.

The Higher Education Act is up for renewal, and with that reauthorization comes the possibility of changes to the act if approved by the Senate and the House. The Senate, for example, passed a resolution on March 12 to increase Pell Grant maximums from \$4,050 to \$4,500 per student. For this resolution to take affect, the House must also pass a similar resolution as a part of the reauthorization process.

McIntyre met with Senators Maria Cantwell and Patty Murray, and Representatives Doc Hastings, Adam Smith and Rick Larsen with three items on her agenda: higher Pell grants, higher loan limits, and greater support of TRIO programs.

McIntyre, who is the Washington state representative for the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, plans to stay in contact with the delegation.

"Now that I've made the contact on these issues, we're going to follow up immediately with some letters and some other briefing sheets, so they know what we're thinking," McIntyre said.

If the Senate and House do not come to an agreement on the reauthorization of The Higher Education Act this session, it will be carried over to next session, and the school year will begin in the fall with last year's limits on financial aid.

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SENSITIVE TEETH

People who used to get numerous cavities were known to have "soft teeth." While this has been exposed as a myth, there is another, "sensitive teeth," which is quite real and often quite painful.

Wearing down of the teeth, whether from an abrasive diet or overzealous toothbrushing can cause sensitivity; so may receding gums caused by periodontal disease. The problem is complicated by the fact that proper cleaning may be painful, and lack of cleanliness only

makes the problem worse.

Sensitive teeth should be cleaned gently but thoroughly with a soft nylon toothbrush and a low-abrasive toothpaste. There are effective medicated cleansers made specifically for sensitive teeth. Severe cases can be treated with fluorides and other desensitizing agents by the dentist.

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economy is better," Yosuke Kashiwagi, senior advertising major, said.

Even if an occupation is included in the list of jobs that will experience slow growth in the future, there is still hope. There are things to do to increase the odds of getting a job, and Career Services, located in Barge Hall room 202 and 204M, can help assist students in charting a career.

"It really takes persistence and it's advised that they (students) use our services," Jaqualyn Johnson, director of career services, said.

Career Services offers a variety of publications on topics ranging from cover letters to business lunch etiquette. For an appointment, contact Career Services at 963-2404 or 963-1921.

Around the University

Extra Mile Award

Ronald L. Breckon, computer operator III in ITS Networks & Operations, is the 2004 Extra Mile Award winner selected by the Washington State Productivity Board. Breckon was nominated for extraordinary service on the job and in the community. From 11 a.m. to noon today in Barge 412 Breckon will receive his award during a public reception. Refreshments will be served.

Rewrite the Rules

Leadership conference "Rewrite the Rules," begins at 8:30 a.m. tomorrow in the SUB. Breakfast, lunch and t-shirt included. Visit www.cwu.edu/~cel/rewritetherules.html or call 963-1524 for more details and registration information. The cost is \$10 for students and \$20 for faculty and staff.

Scholarship luncheon

Ruth Harrington will be honored next Tuesday at 6 p.m., May 4 in the Samuelson Union Building Ballroom. Harrington has been collecting money for CWU scholarships by hosting luncheons and donating the proceeds to needy students since it was called the Central Washington State College. CWU will acknowledge the 30th anniversary of her luncheons by renaming the existing "Luncheon Scholarship" as the "Ruth Harrington Scholarship." The public event in Harrington's honor will include a pasta buffet. Tickets are \$10. To make a reservation call 963-2764, or for the hearing impaired TDD 963-2143. Reservations must be made by tomorrow, tickets are not available at the door.

Family housing march, meeting

Housing prices are increasing this quarter and some in family housing say they are feeling slighted. Brooklane resident Jessica Pruitt, sophomore family and consumer science major, feels the current increases are not fair to those in family housing and would like to see a more balanced approach. She and other supporters will be marching at 5:30 p.m. today starting at the soccer fields by Brooklane. The march will end up by 6 p.m. at Brooklane apt. F8 where a meeting is being held to discuss the problem. Those interested in supporting or finding out more may attend.

Central grad, governor candidate returns to roots

Ron Sims, Central grad, will be coming to Ellensburg May 5 as part of his governor campaign tour. He will be in the SUB Pit at 10 a.m. to talk with voters. There is also a meet and greet from 5-7 p.m. at 111 E. 10th St. that is open to the public.

Noise violators challenge city law

By Andrew Van Den Hoek
Staff reporter

It's Friday night and you're at a friend's party. There's a knock at the door and when your friend opens it he finds a police officer who informs him that he is in violation of Ellensburg's noise ordinance and that he will be receiving a \$250 citation.

If this situation sounds familiar, you are not alone; in 2003, 179 noise citations were given to Ellensburg residents. This number is up by almost 32 percent from the previous year according to documents obtained from the Ellensburg Police Department.

The noise ordinance outlines, among other stipulations, that a residence is in violation of the ordinance if noise can be heard from 100 feet away or 50 feet away if it is occurring between the hours of 10 p.m. to 7 a.m.

"What we do is we listen for the noise and then we pace it off," Officer Nelson Ng of the Ellensburg Police,

said.

Nic Holcomb, who graduated last year from Central with a sociology degree, was at a friend's house and watched his friend receive a noise ordinance violation. He began looking into the ordinance.

"I was taking a law and policy class through the resource management Master's program at Central and I needed to research a law that had to do with the environment, so I decided to look into noise pollution," Holcomb said.

In the process of researching the report, Holcomb discovered that the state had its own set of rules outlined in the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 173-06-020 and Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 70-107 regarding noise ordinances. Rules that, among other things, stated that a noise ordinance fine cannot exceed \$100, the police must use decibel readers to measure the amount of sound being put off by a potential violator and a complaint must be reported in order for some-

one to receive a citation.

According to Holcomb, Ted Kolman, owner of the Oak Rail Bar and Grill, had recently unsuccessfully challenged the ordinance in court after his establishment received a total of six noise ordinance citations in one week. Kolman was very interested when Holcomb brought him the information regarding the states policies on noise ordinances.

The lawyers who had argued the first case had not been aware of these policies. So, armed with this new information, Kolman set out on another lawsuit, this time, in Holcombs own words, "to challenging the constitutionality of the ordinance."

The job of defending the city's noise ordinance falls on city attorney, Jim Pidduck.

"Ellensburg, like a lot of cities, has a noise ordinance that is subjective and that is not based on decibel readings, but the ordinance does outline, in sub section C, the different factors to be considered when deter-

mining what constitutes a noise violation." Pidduck said.

Pidduck was unwilling to comment on the current lawsuit facing the city or on the argument that the city might not have used the proper procedure when submitting the ordinance.

"The type of ordinance Ellensburg has falls within the general police powers of cities that are provided for under the state constitution," Pidduck said. "Ordinances such as Ellensburg's have been upheld on at least three different occasions by appellate courts in the state of Washington as well as in Kittitas County court."

Pidduck also said that a year ago the city's noise ordinance was challenged on the grounds that it was unconstitutionally vague or over broad. The courts found it was not and ruled in favor of the city.

The April 10 court hearing to decide the current case found that the case would have to be decided by a Kittitas County Superior Court. The next court date is set for May 10.

BOD: Advice offered

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the board in general," Figueroa said. "I did most of the communicating between the board members whenever one board member didn't feel like

talking to another. Some board members were just not willing to communicate, so it made things a lot harder."

But Figueroa said there were times when the board worked well together. "For the most part, the board was

able to come together and talk about (money) proposals and agree," Figueroa said. "We were able to provide a lot of organizations and individuals with money and resources they needed to accomplish their goals."

Barbee advised that members of

the new board work as a team, be open and honest, try to be cohesive and stand up for what is right.

"I think acting as a team will be much more powerful in your accomplishments," Barbee said. "It (also) makes life a lot easier."

Student employee of the week

by Melissa Newman
Staff reporter

Editors note: This profile is the third and final in a series recognizing on-campus student employees during Student Employment Month.

Over the past 50 years, many women have become accustomed to balancing a career and family. This week's Student of the Week is no different.

Jeanne Blackburn, senior sociology major, in being recognized for her work as a clerical assistant for University English as a Second Language. Her supervisor, Steve Horowitz, director of the UESL program, nominated her.

"Jeanne has been stellar in the way she relates to international students, UESL, faculty, and others," Horowitz said. "Despite dealing with numerous potentially frustrating situations, I have never heard or seen anything but supportive, empathetic responses to questions or requests of various kinds. In part, this is due to Jeanne's own experience as a foreign language learner and an exchange student in

Mexico, but it is also rooted in her own caring personality and life struggles."

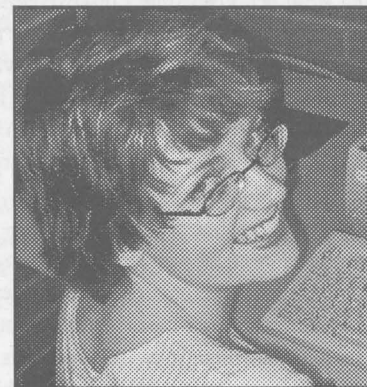
Christine Kehner, senior secretary of UESL had nothing but good things to say about Blackburn.

She is a positive person, very punctual and willing to help out," Kehner said. "She is more than just a student worker, we have become friends."

Blackburn is also a McNair scholar and a single parent of two daughters, ages 14 and 12. She also has custody of her nine-year-old niece who lives with her.

"Everyone deserves a break," Blackburn said. "I treat myself to monthly massages and coffee with my friends. I get a lot of support from my friends and from the McNair program to help balance work, school and other activities."

Blackburn will graduate in June and is planning to attend graduate school at Arizona State University to work toward a Ph.D. in sociology. She received a teaching assistantship that will pay for out-of-state tuition and fees, as well as provide her with a living stipend.



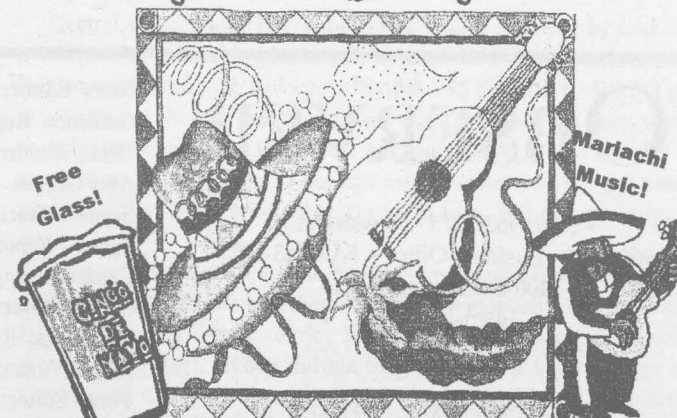
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Jeanne Blackburn: honor student, employee, mother.

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Opinion

OBSERVANCE

...on last week's Observance

Have you ever watched someone talk...I mean, sort of backed off a bit and just watched how their mouth moves, the way they use their hands, how their body language helps to convey meaning? I sometimes imagine I'm from another planet and have never seen a human. The ears are especially fascinating — another communication instrument, unless you are deaf, and then the hands work perfectly fine to convey the finer nuances of communication.

I'm so fascinated with all the manifestations of verbal and nonverbal communication, I'm amazed I ever chose to be a journalist. Trying to convey information with the spoken word is hard enough, but at least your audience has the benefit of voice intonation, eye movement, an upward or downward tilt to the mouth, hand gestures that convey pleasure or displeasure, or body postures that provide clues to your meaning. We have the Sumerians to thank for writing — and what would we do without it? But written language, as marvelous as it is, is fraught with peril.

Email is a perfect example. I lost a friend recently because the basis of our relationship was email communication. We lived in the same town, but saw each other once a month. Every day I'd come home and find a greeting from her. Over time I discovered she had little patience with editing her thoughts. Her thoughts were on the page in a nanosecond and I was the immediate recipient of all of them. It wasn't that pleasant. I've been guilty of the same thing. As communicators it's important that we edit some of our thoughts, but it's also important to be honest.

I attended a New York Times seminar in February and the editors told us that columnists, as communicators, should express unequivocal opinions. Land on one side of an issue — and stay there. As a person who equivocates about just about everything in life this is a definite challenge.

So, I wrote an opinion that I happen to feel fairly strongly about. Of course I edited my thoughts, but I put it out there. Several people were amused and thought my opinion was right on. A professor I talked to thought it was a tree shaker — but a bit harsh. Another person thought I sounded angry. And at least one university employee was offended. (My mother read it and thought it was great.)

Different perceptions from each individual receiver.

I wasn't angry when I wrote it, but my readers didn't have the benefit of my upturned mouth to convey meaning. I was bringing up an issue that had brought me, and other students, close to hysteria, but I wasn't mad and I didn't mean to offend anyone.

Written communication is tricky that way. I can't say "read my lips." All I can say is read my words and hope I'm getting my meaning across. Invariably, however, writers — which means all of us — return to their writing and say, maybe I could have edited my thoughts and said it — or wrote it — differently.

—Martha Goudey-Price

ARTIST'S EYE



NOISE POLLUTION ENFORCEMENT IN THE HANDS OF THE PEOPLE

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BOD was clearly unprepared

The BOD has come along, or has it? There has been little investigative reporting covering the BOD this year. Even the piece on the Convergence confusion was done slightly favoring the BOD.

A popularity contest (and less than 10 percent of the student body) left CWU with a BOD that was clearly unprepared for the responsibilities that their positions entailed; a revolution in campus politics was planned. I don't need to list the numerous ideas, events and activities the BOD had laid out in their "Quarterly Agendas" that did not happen.

Although a few came through the storm of Convergence confes-

sion and self-congratulatory propaganda, has Central been changed? I'd say, not really.

Mark Michael claimed that, "you only really have six months to prove yourself." For those who seek office I think you can learn from this statement. From the moment you take your oath to the time you leave, you can act with integrity, honesty and for the good of the student body. We all know that personal agendas are at play with any political office, even at the college level, but remember you are representing the entire student body.

Don't try and reinvent the existing governing body with changes to fit your own desires. There is always room for improvement, but, improvement takes time and needs solid reasoning and genuine thought behind it.

You can prove yourself by acting on behalf of the student body, both active and not active students, supporting growth and advancement for the entire campus community.

Tabitha Williams
Political Science and Social
Science and Education major

FMLA responds to concerns

Plan B prevents pregnancy

Last week you printed a letter that claimed Plan B, a form of emergency contraceptive that the FDA is considering for over-the-counter

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approval, causes abortions. I would like to clear up this confusion. Plan B does not cause abortions. There is an abortion pill, RU-486, on the market. This can be taken up to seven weeks into a pregnancy. However, unlike RU-486, Plan B is merely a contraceptive and will not have abortive effects. It works much like the birth control pill that women take to prevent pregnancy. Like the pill, it will prevent ovulation. If ovulation has already occurred, it will prevent fertilization of the egg, just as the pill does. Finally, like birth control pills, if the egg is fertilized, Plan B makes the uterus an unfriendly environment for the egg to implant, preventing pregnancy. However, unlike the pill, Plan B can be taken after unprotected sex to prevent pregnancy.

The point here is that Plan B is no more an abortion pill than the birth control that so many women take every day to prevent getting pregnant. If you support the use of birth control than there is no logical reason to oppose the over-the-counter sale of Plan B. It is estimated to cut the rate of unplanned pregnancies in half, as well as preventing hundreds of thousands of abortions. As for the effects on a woman's body, it is safer than Aspirin.

If you would like more information on Plan B visit www.plannedparenthood.org. To sign a petition urging the FDA to approve over-the-counter sales of Plan B, go to www.feminist.org. Regardless of what stance you choose to take on this matter, I hope this information has helped you to form an educated opinion on the subject.

Heather Eliason
President, CWU FMLA

Education plus choice = freedom

As approved by the FDA for over the counter distribution, emergency contraception, or Plan B, is not an abortion pill! Plan B is essentially a post-intercourse birth control pill; it will not affect an already existing pregnancy! It simply keeps an egg from implanting, thus preventing the start of development.

On Thursday, April 15, 2004, the CWU Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance hosted a table in the Sub to inform students about the use of Plan B as well as encourage students to become politically active and informed. The goal of providing this information to students was and always is meant to empower young women. All of the information provided by the CWUFMFLA specifically regarding the use of emergency contraception came directly from the scientific and clinical research of Planned Parenthood. I can guarantee that all of this information was completely accurate and thorough and presented in a professional and responsible manner.

Those of us who dedicate our time and energy to the education and empowerment of women do so because of our passion for protecting women's lives. In order to do

this, you must work to guarantee the political protection of reproductive rights. The only way to ensure ultimate freedom and thus protection to women is to educate them! Education is power, power is freedom, and ultimate freedom exists only through having choices. Women, especially those of us on college campuses, need to be informed about reproductive choices in order to have control over our lives. By making pregnancy a choice (rather than inevitable) for women, we allow them the freedom to control their own destinies. This is exactly what made the birth control pill so scary to people decades ago.

It is not our goal to encourage women to make any one decision. We hope only to make the information available to women so that choices can be informed, calculated, and based on what is the best for them all around. It is true that "things happen," luckily now a days, we have options other than being a single parent, getting married, or having an abortion. The point remains, ultimate freedom is choice and choice cannot exist without open, accurate, and honest information.

For more information on Plan B, or to sign a petition to make emergency contraceptives available over the counter in all 50 states, please visit www.feminist.org, or attend a CWUFMFLA meeting on Tuesdays at 4 p.m. in SUB room 209.

Rebecca Thornton
Vice-President, CWU FMLA

Omnivore refutes vegan argument

I would like to start off by saying that I am a meat eater. Not only am I a meat eater but I have also worked for a chicken farm, a butcher shop, and have helped raise cattle for beef. Many vegans and vegetarians may think that I am evil, but that just is not true. I would like to comment on some of the "facts" that were in last weeks letter "Don't knock it until you try it."

First off it was stated that it takes 4,000* gallons of water to grow one days ration of food for a meat eater. Well, that fact is true. It is also true that those animals that I am eating would need to consume that same 4,000 gallons of water whether I eat them or not. In fact if we didn't eat the animals then they would keep consuming all of that water for up to 20 years instead of only six or seven years.

Vegetarians may think that it is their moral duty to save these animals by not eating them. You are not saving the life of these animals though, because it will die sometime anyway. In fact, if animal populations are not held down, then they will reproduce until there are too many animals for the food supply in a given area. Imagine thousands of cattle dying of starvation because you wanted to save their lives.

Third, the letter states that eating meat is unhealthy for you. That is just a flat out lie. Ask any doctor and they will tell you the

healthiest diet is one of both meat and vegetables. Yes, eating too much meat is unhealthy, but not eating any is also unhealthy.

So don't preach to me that being a vegetarian is the only way to go. I don't care if you are a vegetarian or not just don't feel that everyone else needs to have your views.

Seth Robbins
Sophomore
Public Relations

Big picture lost in sports cuts

I am writing to inform you of my dissatisfaction at the news that the men's and women's swim team and men's wrestling have been cut from the athletic program at Central Washington University. I am an alumnus of the CWU Swim team having graduated from CWU in 1998 with a BS in Computer Science.

I can't help but feel this was a short-sighted decision made in the context of this year's budget, without looking at the overall picture. Cutting the two programs will not only destroy a positive outlet for CWU students, it may also ultimately cost the university more money than is spent to run the programs. Speaking for myself, I know I would not have applied to CWU had it not been for the swim program. There are very few college swim programs in the state of Washington, and only 2 public universities (CWU and UW) which offer a men's team. Not only would I not have attended CWU, but my wife (Laura Stein 1998) and brother (Kenneth Walker 1998) would also not have attended had I not been enrolled at CWU because of the swim team.

During my time at Central, there were also several members of the team who transferred to Central specifically to participate on the team. So as you can see, turning off an incoming swimmer from attending may not only keep that person from discovering all Central has to offer, but also possibly their family and friends.

Like other sports at Central, the swimming and wrestling programs provide many benefits to the Ellensburg community. Speaking from personal experience, my family would always make the two and a half hour drive from Olympia to watch me participate in swim meets. Every time they came to town, we would shop at the CWU bookstore, go out to local restaurants for meals, and my family would stay in local hotels. When CWU hosted meets at our state of the art facility, visiting teams would fill the hotels and restaurants.

Please take time to revisit the decision made to cut the swim program and take a bigger picture view of what cutting two sports will do for the university.

Jon Walker
CWU Graduate 1998

Editor's note: Due to continued interest in and support for the Central swim team, we will continue to print letters to the editor on the subject as space permits.

VOICING OPINIONS

Wal-Mart: Taking-Over-the-World-Mart?

by Amy Lynn Taylor
Asst. Scene editor

How big is too big? This is the question we must ask ourselves about Wal-Mart. The company behind that bouncy little smiley face is doing a lot more than simply "rolling back prices." Wal-Mart is currently the world's largest corporation making something in the neighborhood of \$7 billion a year in profit. How did this little company from Arkansas become such a giant? They did so by playing dirty.

They keep their prices low by treating their employees poorly, eliminating local small business competition and outsourcing the majority of their manufacturing to sweatshop-like manufacturing plants overseas.

According to flagstaffactivist.org, six out of 10 Wal-Mart employees have no health coverage through the company and to qualify for benefits, they must have worked there for a minimum of two years. Those who are covered can expect to pay insurance premiums almost twice as high as the national average. And while Wal-Mart boasts that 70 percent of its employees are full time, many "full-time" employees can only expect to get 28 hours a week and earn wages as low as \$11,000 annually, according to an article on indyweek.com. Wal-Mart has recently been in several legal battles with former employees over unethical employee treatment.

In addition to treating their domestic employees poorly, Wal-Mart is also being accused of violating human and worker rights in manufacturing plants in the U.S. Commonwealth of Saipan, according to 1 World Communications. They brought in thousands of workers from China in a sort of indentured servanthood and underpaid them and mistreated them. Women (who made up the majority of the staff) could be fired for things such as getting married or pregnant or asking for a raise. Legal suits have been brought against them for this reason. According to Independent Online, there is also evidence of Wal-Mart abusing manufacturing employees in China, paying them just 13 cents an hour and forcing them to work while ill. Many of their manufacturing employees are paid low wages and employed outside of the restrictions of U.S. minimum wage and other worker protection laws. It is surprising that a company who claims to put high value on "buying American" only produces between 10 and 20 percent of its merchandise domestically, the rest of which is outsourced overseas.

When Wal-Mart moves into smaller markets, local businesses suffer because they cannot compete with the extremely low prices offered by the world's largest retail corporation. Wal-Mart is responsible for contributing to the demise of thousands of "mom-and-pop" businesses in the U.S. and overseas. Wal-Mart is more than friendly neighborhood competition; it is like an ever-growing unethical steam roller that is flattening the competition because it is willing to cut financial corners where other businesses will not.

How big is too big, especially when power and size come at the expense of ethical conduct?

America had long been a land of opportunity, where small businesses are able to thrive. Wal-Mart is a threat to this way of life. Next time you get excited because you got something cheap at Wal-Mart, think about how much that low price cost underpaid workers and small businesses. Is saving a few extra pennies worth supporting an evil empire?

Personally I think that it would be great if Wal-Mart changed its slogan to more accurately reflect their attitudes and products. Perhaps it could go something like "Always low ethical standards. Always."

Holocaust survivors speak on campus

by Sally Wright
Staff reporter

Central Washington University had the honor of a visit by Leo Hymas, a World War II veteran who helped liberate the Nazi concentration camp Buchanwald during the Holocaust. Hymas told his stories of being drafted at a young age, hoping that the uniform would help him get dates with pretty girls, and being shoved into the unknown world of the war. He didn't know where he was going, or perhaps even what he was doing at times, but he spoke of a higher power that gave him hope and was the calm in his storm.

Hymas and the other men in his division entered Buchanwald and rescued thousands of Jews who thought their final moments of life had arrived. Hymas remained humble during his presentation. Despite the medals he wore on his jacket, Hymas did not brag about what heroic things he had done to help save the lives of thousands. Instead, he shared his experiences with a room full of men and women in hopes that they would pass on his account of the war. Education is the key to solving problems of hatred and prejudice, which is why the Holocaust happened in the first place.

The Holocaust speaker series continues at 7 p.m., May 5th with Peter Metzelaar, a child survivor of the Holocaust, in McConnell Auditorium. Thomas Blatt, Sobibor death camp survivor, will share his experiences at 3:30 p.m., Monday, May 24 in the SUB Theatre.

For more information, contact Heidi Szpek, assistant professor of religious studies at 963-2839.



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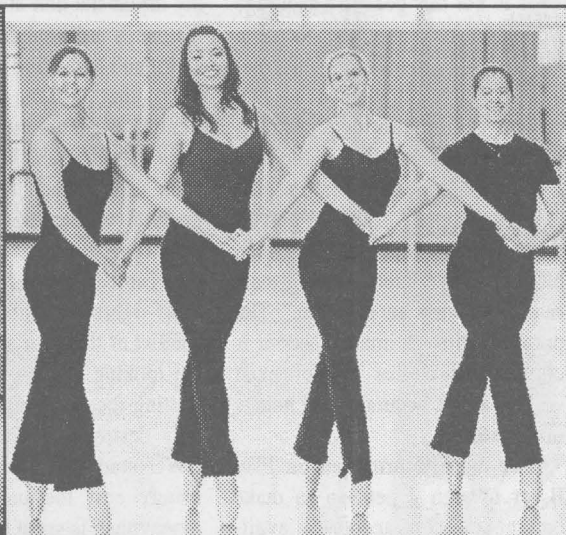
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Orchesis perennial spring concert opens tonight



photos courtesy of Rob Lowry

Orchesis dancers pose during rehearsal for the company's spring concert, "Extensions," opening tonight at McConnell Auditorium.

by Tyler Davis
Asst. Scene editor

Central Washington University's Orchesis Dance Company will open its 37th annual spring concert at 8 tonight in McConnell Auditorium. Two performances follow tomorrow night and Saturday night at the same time. The concert, entitled "Extensions," is being co-produced by Central's Health, Human Performance and Recreation Department and the Theatre Arts Department.

"Extensions" features 17 works choreographed and performed by members of the company. The pieces cover a variety of dance genres, including classical ballet, modern, jazz, tap and ethnic dance.

Therese Young, Central's dance

program coordinator and Orchesis director, said "Extensions" is a good example of the company's broad-based and eclectic productions.

"Our shows have variety in the dances, the dancers and the music," Young said. "The repertoire is never repeated from show to show, so audiences won't see the same performances each season."

More than 10 members of the 40-member company, comprised entirely of Central students, are responsible for choreographing the pieces in "Extensions," and several of them are first-time choreographers.

"(Choreography) is both stressful and enjoyable at the same time," Carrie Menke, senior biology major and a first year Orchesis member, said. "Learning something is easier than creating it."

Menke is choreographing a group tap dance number for the production.

The Orchesis Dance Company began at Central in 1967 as part of Central's dance program and has grown steadily over the years. Though originally available to students as a class, the growing popularity of the program has prompted Young to require an audition for admission, starting this fall.

"I believe that having to audition students is a good sign of the dance program's growth; this means it's becoming more popular," Young said. "There's a mixed (dance) skill level among the students and we want to make sure our members are capable of the basic dance skills, such as leaps, turns and good alignment."

Marie Galey, senior elementary

education major and dance minor with a teaching endorsement, said that it would make it easier for the choreographers if all of the members were adequately skilled dancers.

"There are several classes in the dance program that students can take to work on their basic skills and prepare them for Orchesis," Galey, who is choreographing a modern dance number and a comic ballet for the concert, said. "I recommend the dance program to anyone interested in dancing. It is wonderful."

Tickets will be sold at the door, but can also be purchased in the Samuelson Union Building and at the Downtown Pharmacy at 414 N. Pearl in Ellensburg. General admission is \$7 and is \$4 for Central students.

For more information contact Young at 963-1937.

'Extensions' highlights

Pas de Quatre

Choreographers: Marie Galey, Casey Oreiro, Alex Holden, Emily Urlacher
Synopsis: Quartet to Swan Lake

Trials and Tribulations

Choreographers: Alex Holden, April Ott, Carla Pitts
Synopsis: Group modern piece

Flex or Point?

Choreographer: Therese Young
Synopsis: Group piece contrasting ballet and jazz

Controlled Turmoil

Choreographer: Jamie Brown
Synopsis: Modern group

Changing Winds

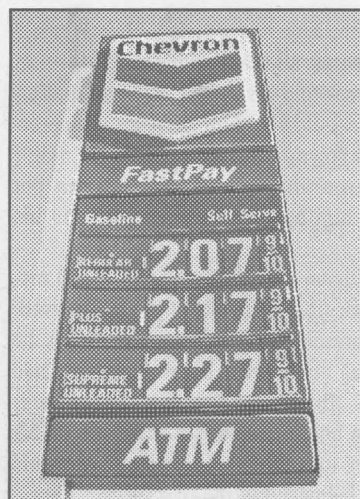
Choreographer: Kezia Iverson
Synopsis: Solo (Modern)

Late

Choreographer: Mary Raedke
Synopsis: Group modern piece

Twilight

Choreographer: Tasha Plumberg
Synopsis: Lyrical Modern



Joseph Castro/Observer

Local Chevron gas prices reflect national numbers, which have steadily risen to record highs.

Sky-high gas prices plague nation

by Stuart Perkins
Staff reporter

Derek Zoolander and his friends may want to think twice about having senseless gasoline fights, and not just because of its explosive nature. According to the American Automobile Association's Daily Fuel Gauge Report, the average price for a gallon of regular gasoline in Yakima is \$1.99. This is up from a \$1.80 average just one month ago. Prices in Ellensburg are equal with those in Yakima. According to the EIA, the average price per gallon of regular gasoline in Washington state is \$1.98, just below Ellensburg's average. The

EIA reports that the national average per gallon of regular gasoline is only \$1.81.

"I think that close to the presidential elections, the price will go down," Emily VonJentzen, senior law and justice major, said. "I think that it has a lot to do with politics."

According to the United States Energy Information Administration (EIA), gas prices are projected to rise throughout the summer. The EIA predicts a strong demand for gasoline and low gasoline inventories will add to higher costs.

"I don't like higher gas prices and with the war officially over, I don't understand why gas prices are higher

than they were during the war," R.J. Brown, senior public relations major, said.

Gasoline in the United States is not as expensive as it is in some other industrial nations. A gallon of gasoline costs approximately \$5 in some European countries, according to cnn.com.

"Two bucks is high compared to what we are use to paying, but compared to Europe it isn't that bad," Seth Miller, senior math and physics major, said.

National price information obtained from <http://www.fuelgaugereport.com/>

Gas prices in Ellensburg

Lowest: \$1.95
Four stations

Average: \$1.99

Highest: \$2.07
East interchange
Chevron

Ante up! Highs and lows of gambling

by Tyler Davis
Asst. Scene editor

Horse races, card games, major league sport teams, the state lottery, cock fighting - the things people will risk their money on in the hope of garnering an even higher yield. The odds of winning money for even the simplest gambling game are slim (1 in 5 for pull tabs), but most gamblers know their limit. Still, every year, 3 million Americans allow their habits to cross into the dangerous territory known as "pathological gambling."

Anthropologists predict that people have wagered their property and funds for potential profit for centuries. Today, that practice has grown into a \$40 billion industry and is a pastime for nearly 70 percent of the American adult population, according to the National Council on Problem Gambling (NCPG).

For more help or information on problem gambling, visit Gamblers Anonymous at www.gamblersanonymous.org or the Washington State Council on Problem Gambling at www.wscpg.org

Playing the rush

With Ellensburg's Wild Goose Casino under new management, Central Washington University students have the opportunity to test their luck at the gaming tables.

Underage students, many of whom have said Ellensburg has inadequate "under-21" entertainment options, are pleased by the 18 and up age limit for the gaming rooms and casino.

"It gives the younger students something to do other than attend on-campus activities, see movies or go bowling," Wally Grobler, freshman broadcast journalism major, said. "It also detracts from the drinking and party scene."

Traci Hutain, freshman art education major, said the casino will give students who like to play informal club-style games the opportunity to try the real deal.

She said she often walks through her residence hall and sees a number of students crammed in the lounge playing poker.

"Now they will have a place to go off campus and play," Hutain said.

In this time of slow economic

growth, the gaming industry is as strong and lucrative as ever. Legalized gambling spawns greater combined revenue than movies, recorded music, theme parks, cruise lines and major league sports, as reported by PBS's news documentary series, "Frontline."

And, of course, there is the chance of a major jackpot win or lottery return for the gamblers themselves.

Aside from the financial advantages, the gaming industry provides about 1 million jobs, 370,000 of which are tied to commercial casinos, according to Abraham McLaughlin of the "Christian Science Monitor."

"Clearly, gambling's benefits are compelling," McLaughlin said in his article.

The Wild Goose Casino employs fifty workers, and that number is expected to grow, according to co-owner and general manager Mike Meier.

"We had a large group of people from the community coming in and asking for work, and we had several positions to fill, so it worked out well," Meier said.

Down to the felt

"Pathological gambling" is defined by the National American Association of State and Provincial Lotteries (NASPL) as a progressive disease in which one's desire and addiction to winning money devastates the lives of not only the gambler, but those he or she has a significant relationship with. More than 3 million Americans suffer from the disease, with an additional 4 to 8 million described as "problem gamblers." For problem gamblers, the addiction is less significant, but gambling habits still disrupt or damage personal and professional pursuits.

Dr. Robert L. Custer of the Illinois Institute for Addiction Recovery identifies the progression of addictive gambling in three phases:

- **The Adventurous Phase:** Gamblers experience a big win or a series of big wins, and the excitement motivates them to increase their bets to unreasonable amounts, believing their winning streak will continue.

- **The Losing Phase:** Gamblers boast about previous wins, while ignoring the fact that they have lost large sums of money. They begin to borrow money to gamble with, and lie to friends and family about why they need the money. Home life deteriorates, debts go unpaid and the gamblers become irritable, restless and withdrawn while gambling hard to regain losses.

- **The Desperation Phase:** Gambling time increases greatly, accompanied by feelings of remorse, hopelessness, blaming others for troubles and alienation of family and friends.

The gamblers may engage in illegal acts to finance their gambling, and they may experience suicidal thoughts/attempts, arrests for illegal acts, divorce, drug and/or alcohol abuse and/or an emotional breakdown.

A man who anonymously posted his experience with problem gambling on the NCPG Web site said his addiction started after one night of losses.

"The first time I had a losing night, I knew I was in trouble," he said. "I

felt as if I had to go back the next morning to see if I could reclaim my losses."

He continued on a downward spiral for five years, borrowing what he said was millions of dollars from his friends, family and investors. He was eventually indicted and arrested by the FBI for investment fraud, but has since turned his life around and has quit gambling for good.

"If you have a gambling problem, get help now," he said. "No matter how bad things are for you now, they can and will get worse if you don't stop or at least curb problem gambling."

An NCPG report shows that college students are among the groups most susceptible to problem gambling. Several Central students encourage their peers to keep a level head when laying their money down.

"Gambling is not the bad activity some people say it is," Mike Wray, sophomore undecided, said. "It can get to be an issue with some people who don't know when to stop. Even with the new casino, students are hopefully smart enough to not throw their money away."

Wild Goose has a no-gambling list for people who feel they have a problem. After voluntarily signing the list, patrons are still welcome to the casino's other facilities but cannot gamble until they have personally spoken to Meier about being taken off the list.

"Ninety-nine percent of (the patrons) are here for recreation and fun, and we do have methods of helping those who have troubles," Meier said.

Students feel that simple discipline and self-limitation can keep gambling a fun activity rather than a life-altering obsession.

"You take twenty bucks, see how you do and leave it at that," Spencer Kneifel, junior public relations major, said. "If gambling becomes a problem, it's a problem of the individual, not of the activity."

Gambling glossary

- **Thick'un:** a big bet.

- **Wise guy:** a knowledgeable handicapper or better

- **Win only:** betting on a competitor to win an event. AKA 'Straight Out'

- **Backed:** a 'backed' sports team is one on which lots of bets have been placed.

Did you know?

- In 2003, Washington State lotteries grossed \$460.3 million in sales and gamblers won \$98.5 million (NASPL)

- At least 1% of U.S. adults age 18+ meet criteria for pathological gambling (NCPG)

- An additional 2-3% have less significant but nonetheless serious problems with gambling (NCPG)

- The gaming industry currently grosses \$40 billion (and growing) per year, more than film, music, sports, cruise lines and theme parks combined (PBS)

Pathological Gambling Warning Signs

- A certain "high" comes from gambling

- Increased isolation from friends/family

- Declined work performance

- Neglect of basic needs (money for food and rent)

- Lies about how money is spent

- Escape to other excesses (alcohol, drugs, sleep)

- Denial of problem gambling

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Chivalry 101: Getting it right by being polite



Opinion by
Amy Lynn Taylor
Asst. Scene editor

I know that manners are considered "old-fashioned," but just because they practiced something 400 years ago, doesn't mean they didn't get it right.

King Arthur and his men practiced chivalry and got tons of ladies. Coincidence? Probably not.

Chivalry has nothing to do with wearing armor and fencing, it has everything to do with being polite. It is an excellent way to show your respect and appreciation for people.

The following are not rules, but merely amodern refresher on some traditions.

- **Open doors for women, including the ones on cars.** By opening, I mean holding the door open for her until she is all of the way through it.

- **If you ask a girl out you should pay for the date.** This only makes sense, but if the girl should insist upon paying for something or leaving the tip, let her and don't get all huffy about it.

- **Do not be chauvinistic.** Don't refer to kitchen related tasks (or anything else for that matter) as "women's work." You live in a world where women are firefighters, mechanics and have their own professionalsports leagues. Who are you to say what they can and should be doing?

- **Don't be intimidated if she makes the first move.** Hello! She is doing it because she is interested in you. Besides, she is taking the pressure off of you. Be thankful.

Ladies, don't think that guys have to do all the work. When a guy is polite to you, the very least you can do is be polite back.



Opinion by
Eva Tallmadge
Scene Editor

King Arthur and his knights of the round table may have been men who treated their ladies in a chivalrous manner, but things are being done a little differently these days.

Women love to talk about how equal we are with men, but we need to respect that ideal on all fronts. It's not fair of us to expect that a man in the boardroom treat us as a colleague, and then hurry to open the door for us on our way out. On the other hand, we shouldn't resent these acts if they are meant with good intentions.

I am of the mind that I can open my own door and pay for my own dinner,

but if you plan on being courteous to those around you, it doesn't hurt to learn to share.

- **Dating is a two way street.** If a guy feels he needs to pay for your dinner, pick up the tip, suggest a place for dessert (and pay), or you pay for the next date. It also doesn't hurt to lift some of the pressure off him and suggest places to go or things to do.

- **Don't hold onto unhealthy expectations.** Just because he is the guy doesn't mean he should be outside chopping wood and hoeing the fields, even if he does look great when he's covered with sweat and dirt. In today's world, tasks can be split by preference, and not by gender.

- **Make the first move!** Men are often just as intimidated as you are about approaching someone they "like." Some guys think that girls who take the initiative are hot, because if they are upfront about dates, they may be upfront in other situations.

The long and short is just to be polite and courteous to everyone, and don't assume that your gender lends you certain behavioral priveleges.

Spring welcomes farmer's market

by Candace Young
Staff reporter

The scent of freshly cut flowers, ripe tomatoes and hot kettle corn signal the arrival of the 11th annual Kittitas County Saturday Farmer's Market. The market is a non-profit organization designed to provide a gathering place for producers and consumers of regional agricultural goods. The market will be open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., every Saturday, starting May 1 through October 30. The market is located at the Wells Fargo Bank parking lot at 4th and Pearl.

"It's a great place for people to come and meet friends," Carol

Beyerl, president of this year's market, said.

Beyerl began her involvement in the market by selling baked goods, which she continues to do every year. The market has become a place to meet people from the surrounding communities and buy local products.

Entertainment events will be part of the market this year. From local bands to art shows, musical theatre to dance performances, the market will host a plethora of entertainment activities.

On opening day, the North Pine String Band will be performing. This will mark the 11th year the band has performed on opening day for the

market. Beyerl hopes to have the Central Washington University alumni fire truck present, along with Central cheerleaders and mascot, Wellington. In addition, there will be a drawing, which market goers may enter, for a basket filled with products from the participating vendors.

"It's fun to see all different kinds of people come to the market," Gloria Wright, vendor at the market, said. "It's nice to be out in the community."

Gloria and her husband, Steve, sell dahlia flowers at the market, along with fresh produce.

The entertainment this year includes a performance by Bill & the G-Strings. The band is composed of Central Washington University professors Bill Chandler and Robert Lupton along with Nate Rich and Central students Jeromy Dorsing and Travis Beyerl and. On June 12 the market will debut the local band day.

Expect to find a surplus of seasonal wares, including organic produce,

farm fresh local produce, arts & crafts, pottery, cut flowers, jewelry, nursery plants and plant starts, cookies, skin care products, wood crafts, photography, and kettle corn, among other products at the market.

"We are like a mall without the walls," Beyerl said. "You can find food, gifts and clothing here."

Children's Day is slated for May 15 this year, with performances from Valley View Choir, Lincoln School Mirambas, Mt. Stuart Chorus, Flaming Fiddlers Youth Group and Sue Wilson's Children's Chorus. The Clymer Museum, Gallery One and Creative Expressions will be hosting children's events throughout the day.

"The best part of the market for Central students is to get a chance to meet a part of Ellensburg," Wright said.

For further information regarding the market and participating vendors, contact the Kittitas County Farmer's Market at 899-3870.

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LOCAL SCENE

Compiled by Sarah Heath
Staff reporter

Friday April 30

Critical Mass Bike Ride, leaves at 5 p.m. from the Peace Café, free

Thursday, April 29-
Saturday, May 1

Orchesis Dance Company Presents Extensions, 8 p.m. in McConnell Auditorium., \$4 students, \$7 general

Calligraphy lesson, 5:30 p.m. in L&L room 106D, free

Saturday, May 1

HALO tournament, 11 p.m. in the Science Building. 1st prize wins a new X-Box, \$20 per team or \$5 for individual.

Wednesday, May 5

Holocaust Speaker Series: Peter Metzelaar, child survivor, 7 p.m., McConnell Auditorium, free.

GET OUT OF TOWN

Thursday, April 29

Air - 8 p.m. The Paramount Theatre, Seattle, \$26-\$31

Friday, April 30

Panjabi MC - 9 p.m. Showbox, Seattle, \$22

Saturday, May 1

Urge Overkill - 10 p.m. Graceland, Seattle, \$15

Sunday, May 2

Andrew Tosh - Palladium, Olympia, \$15 presale, \$20 at door

Tuesday, May 4

Melissa Ferrick - 8 p.m. Tractor Tavern, Seattle, \$15

Wednesday, May 5

Belle & Sebastian - 8 p.m. The Paramount Theatre, Seattle, \$26

Corrections

The Holocaust Speaker Series on page 9 of the April 22 Observer was incorrectly referred to as a film series. It is a speaker series. The next speaker will be Peter Metzelaar, 7 p.m., May 5, McConnell Auditorium.

Kelly Byrd's gender was misidentified on page 11 of last week's Observer. Byrd is male.



Luke Probasco/Observer

Pavlov's Dog stirs things up at the downtown D&M Friday night

Pavlov's Dog makes music amongst mochas



Review by
Gayle Duncan
Staff reporter

In a coal mine of artsy coffeehouse bands, D & M Coffee found a diamond to play for a packed house on April 23. That diamond goes by the name Pavlov's Dog.

More than 35 people crowded into the back room of the D & M Coffeehouse to hear the six members of Pavlov's Dog play a unique blend of coffeehouse rock. The band's members are Caleb Baker on vocals and acoustic guitar, Aaron Roden on electric guitar, David Schultz on bass, Chris Foerstel on viola, Noah Bonds on electric piano, and Graham Hammond on drums. Schultz and Hammond switched instruments throughout the night.

Pavlov's Dog played a 14-song set with one encore. Other than one cover (a mellow rendition of the rather obscure "I Hung My Head" by Sting), all the songs were original compositions. Here are some of the highlights, with the song titles being working titles I copied off a napkin donated to me by the band after the show:

The song "Towers" was the second song of the night. My notes from the performance read simply: "a truly beautiful song." Schultz on bass began this piece followed shortly by Foerstel on viola and Hammond on drums. Baker's melodic vocals ran throughout, and the whole song built steadily in intensity, slowing at the end. I stand by my first assessment; it's a beautiful song.

"Radio" began with quick guitar and drums, and the whole song alternated between slow and fast paced. Although the audience was very much into the whole performance, this was the first song where it looked like everyone in the band was having fun. Although Baker has a lively, almost bubbly stage presence,

the remaining members of Pavlov's Dog seem very intense and subdued when they play. It was fun to watch the band play songs like "Radio," where everyone played with an air of cheerful exuberance.

After a slightly rocky start, "Hey Man" went on to become one of the most memorable songs of the night. This slower paced number had some of the highest vocals of the set and Baker has a voice that could carry for blocks in a hurricane. But it wasn't just Baker's stellar performance that made this song. The different instruments wove together artfully on this piece, making it truly striking. The frenzied applause proved that the audience agreed.

Baker pointed out a member of the audience as the co-author of the very catchy "Motorbike Girl," which I immediately recognized from the band's sound check earlier that night. The song had a very bouncy vibe and both the audience and the band were all smiles. It was a fun song to end the set with and immediately drew enthusiastic shouts of "Encore! Encore!" upon its conclusion.

Speaking of encores, Pavlov's Dog is tentatively confirmed to play in the Papa John's Coffeehouse Series in the Samuelson Union Building and games room on May 26. The band is so engaging and talented; you'd be crazy to miss the opportunity to see them perform again.

Center offers services to students

by Gwendolyn Escobar
Staff reporter

The Empowerment Center offers services to a growing population on Central Washington University's campus, the non-traditional student. A non-traditional student is at least 25-years-old, is in a long term domestic partnership, and/or has dependents.

"About 18% of the student body at CWU is non-traditional students," Katrina Whitney, director of the empowerment center, said.

Central has much to offer non-traditional students.

"The Quest" newsletter is published once a month by Editor Leah Shelton.

"This is an incarnation of 'The REACH,' a publication from three years before," Shelton said.

A resource book is available to non-traditional students which includes community and resource information regarding the campus and local community.

Last year, the Empowerment Center distributed 300 copies of the book.

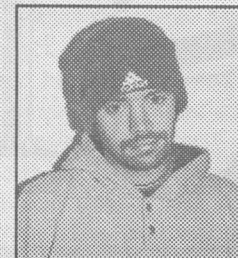
"We're the one stop shop," Whitney said. "We like to provide the services to direct (non-traditional students) to the right agency or person."

The resource book is updated every spring. Students can get a free copy from the Empowerment Center located in SUB room 218.

Non-traditional students have access to a student lounge located in the Owhi room. There is a television set and a toy box for children.

For more information contact the Empowerment Center at 963-2127 or visit their Web site at www.cwu.edu/~ecenter.

'Who wants a piece?'



Opinion by
Paul Kobylensky
Staff reporter

This Friday at 7 p.m., Club Central is bringing metal bands 2 Headed Chang and Mortdom for your head banging pleasure.

Ellensburg's own 2 Headed Chang is the city's most promising band since The Screaming Trees hit the charts in the 1990s.

Their sound is somewhere between Pantera and that beau-

tiful feeling you get when a Mac truck smacks into your body at 100 miles per hour.

Opening the show will be Yakima thrash metal outfit, Mortdom.

According to Kurt Caron, 2 Headed Chang's vocalist, Mortdom is just straight ahead guitar rippin' thrash.

To add to the festivities, 2 Headed Chang will be filming the event. Being there might ensure you a spot in 2 Headed Chang history.

So if getting your ass kicked by the most extreme sounds in eastern Washington sounds like a good time, and you can afford the measly \$3 student and \$5 general charge, then come check out the show in the Samuelson Union Building games room.

Local winery tour helps fund international trip

by Kayla Knott
Staff reporter

Delicious wine, fun games, prize giveaways and a good cause are all part of the Bridges Abroad Japanese Exchange Program fund raiser Saturday, May 1.

The event, which lasts from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., is sponsored by Yakima Valley Wine Tours and includes bus transportation to five lower valley wineries, wine tasting, lunch and chances to win great prizes.

"There will be a MC on each bus that will coordinate games and trivia," Sherie Axthelm, parent and organizer for the event, said. "There will be raffles and give-

aways from businesses in the community."

Tickets are \$35 per person and cover the events of the day. Proceeds will help send local junior high and high school students to Japan for ten days, where they will spend eight days with host families and two days touring Tokyo.

The wineries include the Bon Aire, Taft, Maison de Paggett, Silverlake and Hyatt, all of which are located in the Yakima Valley.

Individuals of all ages are welcome to attend the fund raiser, but the wine tasting is for 21 years and up.

For more information, or to purchase tickets for the tour, call 962-6013 or 962-8785.



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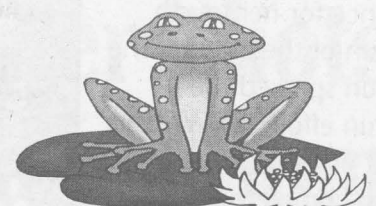
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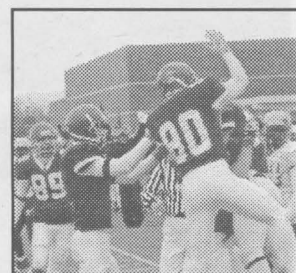
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SPORTS



Softball sets team record for wins

by Marie Alkire
Staff reporter

Out of the softball team's last four games, the first two against Western Oregon University (WOU) were a lost cause, but the next two against Saint Martin's College (SMC) broke school records.

The first game ended in a 1-0 Central Washington University loss.

Central held WOU at scoreless until the top of the seventh inning when one run was scored. The Wildcats tried to come back but didn't get any hits in the final four innings. Senior pitcher Jill McCarthy struck out five, allowing only four hits in the entire game.

In the second game WOU took an early lead with three runs in the first inning and one in the second.

Central's offense didn't allow any more runs for the next two innings and got one for themselves in the fourth inning, but it was not enough. In the fifth and sixth inning WOU scored five more runs while Central only produced one. The first of Central's runs were made in the fourth inning when freshman left-fielder Molly Maxfield, who was pinch running for senior third base-

man Annie Franks, scored off freshman catcher Allie Kauffman's single to center field. The second run was a homer to left center by sophomore right fielder Patty Martinez, but still left the game in a 9-2 loss for the Wildcats.

"I think we took them too lightly," Maxfield said. "They have improved a lot since the last time we played them. Also our hitting wasn't on that

day and we made a lot of errors."

Saturday's games proved to be a confidence builder and much better for the team, with two victories against SMC.

In the first game, McCarthy only allowed five hits and the defense only committed one error, not allowing a SMC runner past second base.

During the second inning, Martinez scored when junior catcher Brittany Gray grounded out to the pitcher. Freshman shortstop Catrina Robertson also scored stealing home. The Wildcats shut out SMC 2-0 to snap their losing streak.

"We were flat against WOU and knew we had to step it up, so that is what we did," McCarthy said.

In their second game, the Wildcats left with an 8-1 victory. In the first inning, freshman first baseman Mallory Holtman doubled to left field allowing James to score. Freshman pitcher Sara Badgley also scored off a fielding error by SMC's center fielder Krishanna Nass. In the third inning junior right fielder Brenda Knerr hit a single to right field, then Franks homered down the left field line.

During the fourth inning, three more runs were scored. Junior pitcher Kristin Powell scored on an illegal pitch, then Schmidt doubled to right center allowing Holtman and sophomore designated player Rachel Keen to score. Their final run was scored in the sixth inning when Keen scored off Schmidt's single up the middle.

By the end of the four games, McCarthy had surpassed Central's school records for shutout games and strikeouts. She has had eight shutouts this season, nine in her career and 95 strikeouts in 2004.

The team also broke the school record of 20 wins set in 2000, with their 21st victory in their last game. The Wildcats need to win at least one of the six games coming up against Humboldt State to grasp the first winning season in Central's softball history.

The games will be at 1 and 3 p.m. on April 29, 1 and 3 p.m. on April 30 and 9 and 11 a.m. on May 1. All of these games will take place on Central's home field.

"We have played Humboldt before and they were all close games," Maxfield said. "We're looking forward to playing them again but it's hard to play any team six times in a row. Right now they are ranked first."

The Wildcats will need to take half, if not more, of the games against HSU to have a chance at the postseason.

"Our chances of going to regionals are slim to none but it would be nice to spoil their [Humboldt's] chance," McCarthy said.



photos by Lindsey Jackson/Observer

(top) Junior Annie Franks applies the tag on a Saint Martin's College runner. The Wildcats committed only one error on Saturday. (right) The softball team gathers around Franks at home plate. Franks hit a two-run homer over the left field fence for her fourth homerun of the season. The homerun sparked the eight-run effort the Wildcats put out on Saturday afternoon to complete the doubleheader sweep against Saint Martin's. The Wildcats lost both games of a doubleheader to Western Oregon University on Thursday. The Wildcats will now host a series of doubleheaders against Humboldt State University starting on Thursday.



Hometown athlete streaks into record books

by Takuya Funaki
Staff reporter

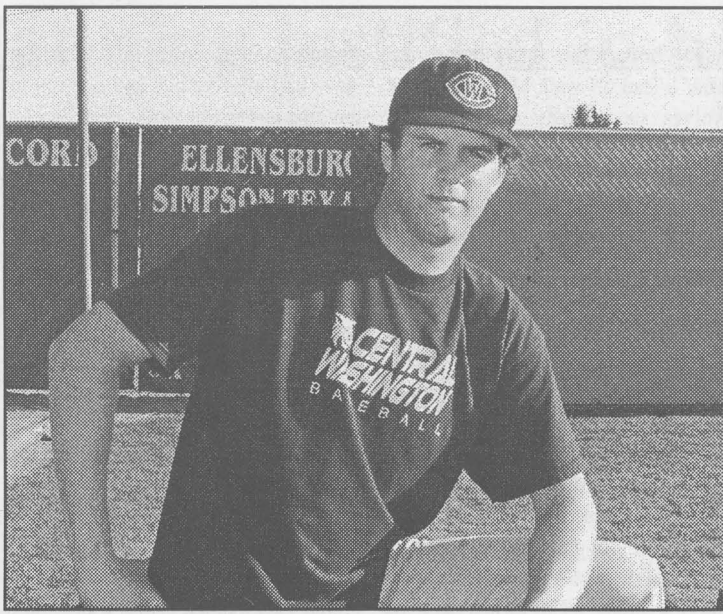
A Japanese proverb says that a son grows watching his father's back. It means what fathers do affect their children's mind, behavior and even their future. Some may hope their sons will do what fathers have enjoyed or what they hoped to achieve.

"I started baseball because my father was a baseball coach," Scott Wilson, senior catcher for the Central Washington baseball team, said. "Baseball kind of grew me up because I didn't like it when I was younger."

Wilson was named Great Northwest Athletic Conference (GNAC) hitter of the week on April 19. He had a good weekend on April 17 and 18 with 11 hits including two doubles, one triple, six runs scored, and five runs batted in over four games against Saint Martin's College. His batting average in the weekend's games was an amazing .688. In addition, he broke Central Washington University's record for the longest hitting streak at 24 games.

"My father actually was the coach at Central when the other two guys had 23-game hitting streaks that I beat," Wilson said. "I was a bat boy for them."

Although some athletes may insist



Takuya Funaki/Observer

Scott Wilson poses for a picture after practice. Wilson hit safely in 24 straight games to set a new Central record.

on or pursue their individual records, Wilson cares about the team more than anything.

"I would rather have a 24-game winning streak than a 24-game hitting streak," Wilson said.

Assistant Coach Lloyd Gage described Wilson as a good teammate.

"Wilson is a great team guy," Gage said. "He is a team leader and also a captain. He constantly pulls for all the teammates."

One of Wilson's teammates,

senior catcher Ryan Miller described what Wilson is like outside of baseball and appreciated Wilson's sense of humor.

"Scotty is a happy go lucky guy and easy going," Miller said. "He likes playing cards and jokes all the time. He is just a great guy to be around."

When not catching, Wilson is often a designated hitter. It looks generally easy, but he spoke of the invisible struggle.

"It's really hard to stay in the game mentally," Wilson said.

Everyone who likes baseball has a favorite player. Wilson chose two sluggers who had over .300 batting average and more than 30 home runs last two seasons as his favorites.

"Probably, it's Manny Ramirez and Todd Helton, because I like their approach to the game," Wilson said.

Although Wilson avoided professing his ambition to become a pro player, he never neglects improving himself.

"It's out of my control," Wilson said. "To be a pro player, I probably need to be bigger and stronger."

Instead, Wilson clearly stated his goal for last season. The team has a chance to advance to the regional tournament in NCAA Division*.

"My goal this season is to win our region," Wilson said. "Individually, it's just no regret."

While many Central students complain about boredom in Ellensburg, Wilson, who is from Ellensburg, fully enjoys his surroundings.

"I like fly fishing. I usually go to Yakima River or somewhere in Montana because my fiancé is there. It's my next favorite sport," Wilson said.

What a son takes over from his father; for Wilson, it is baseball. At the same time when his parents raised Wilson, baseball played a role to help him become what he is now.



Singing in the rain:

Vijay Singh shot a 4-under-68 on Monday to win the rain-delayed Houston Open. He finished 11-under for the tournament.

Yellow winner:

A crash with six laps to go, handed NASCAR driver Jeff Gordon his first win of the season in the Nextel Cup. Gordon was leading the field when the yellow caution flag ended the race.

Unbeaten Argentine:

Clay court tennis wizard Guillermo Coria defeated Rainier Schuettler 6-2, 6-1, 6-3 to win the Monte Carlo open Sunday. It was Coria's fifth straight victory in clay court tournaments.

Gunners salute:

English soccer side Arsenal clinched the English Premier League title Sunday, after recording a 2-2 tie with north London rivals Tottenham Hotspurs. Arsenal is still unbeaten after 34 games.

Stinging defeat:

London rugby club Wasps defeated Irish side Munster 37-32 in the semi-finals of the European Cup. They face Toulouse in the final on May 23.

Fast mover:

World record holder Tim Montgomery won the 100 meter final in Martinique. Montgomery was set to face Olympic champion Maurice Greene, but Greene pulled out of the final due to injury.

Mind not made up:

As of Wednesday morning the jury was still in deliberation in the manslaughter case involving former NBA star Jayson Williams.

Track team succeeds throughout Oregon

by Jon Mentzer
Staff reporter

Central Washington University's track and field team watched a nail biting finish in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference (GNAC) multi-event and witnessed another school record fall at the University of Oregon.

The reigning GNAC male athlete of the week, senior Michael Morrison, won the men's decathlon at the GNAC multi-event at McArthur Field in Western Oregon Friday. Morrison was behind when the competition began Thursday, but came back and edged out Western Washington's Josh Freeman and won the decathlon with 6,342 points. Morrison needed 6,400 points to qualify him for nationals.

"Mike had a real solid performance," Coach Kevin Adkisson said. "He put up some strong marks and competed really well with him (Josh). Mike chipped away in every event even though he didn't start really well. He had a tough long jump, but

after that he did really well. He had a really good 400 mark."

Morrison had a rough start Thursday. Morrison said he knew if he could maintain the momentum coming off the end of the day, then it would be a good decathlon. On Friday he started by taking second in the 110 meter hurdles before winning with a time of 49.89 seconds in the 400.

"I knew I could make some points in the 400 and the 110," Morrison said. "If I had a good day, then nobody in the conference could keep up."

The competition was close between Freeman and Morrison, but Morrison edged out Freeman to win the decathlon by winning the 1500 with a time of 4:51.

"It's a bitter sweet victory," Morrison said. "I'm happy to get points for my team, but at the same time I came so close to nationals but fell short. Overall I was happy with my performance."

Sophomore Cresap Watson held his own in the stiff competition of

Morrison and Freeman. Watson finished the day with a personal best 5,833 points while coming in third. Watson was actually leading the decathlon coming into the final day. He had a very solid outing on Thursday with events that favored him. He ran an 11.52 in the 100 and jumped for 6'4" 1/2 in the high jump.

Central's track and field team sent athletes to both the Western Oregon Twilight meet and the University of Oregon Invitational on Saturday. At the Oregon Invite, which consisted of many Division I schools, sophomore Terran Legard crushed the official school record in the 400, which stood for 27 years, while coming in second with a time of 55.12. She also had a good race in the 200 when she came in fifth. The women's team also had an impressive showing by sophomore Ashley Roundtree, who finished fourth with 13.98 in the 100 hurdles. Senior Kurt Weber also ran at the Oregon Invite coming in ninth in the 100 meter dash.

The other squad competed at the Western Oregon Twilight meet and

had a swell performance. Sophomore Mike Kelley had a personal record (PR) while winning the 400 with a time of 49.75. Sophomore Mike Pankiewicz also won in the 800 with a time of 1:55. Junior Fabien Coutard finished the day coming in third in the 200 and the hammer throwing senior David Uberti had another PR with a throw of 45.98 meters. Freshman Katie Hingston also had a good race, finishing second in the 400.

The track team travels to the Western Washington Twilight Open on Friday, April 30 and the Dwayne Hartman Invitational in Spokane on Saturday, May 1 before competing at the GNAC Championships on May 8. The championships will be held in Monmouth, Ore. and will start at 10 a.m. For more Central track and field information log onto www.wildcatsports.com/track.

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Wildcats get the thorn in the Rose state

by Michael Leeper
Staff reporter

The trip to Oregon didn't go as planned for the Central Washington baseball team this weekend. The Wolves from Western Oregon University (WOU) took three of four from the visiting Wildcats. There was, however, some good news from the weekend. The Wildcats were rated eighth best team in the Western region this week; their highest ranking since joining Division II baseball three years ago.

"[It] felt good, felt like we are finally getting some respect," senior catcher Scott Wilson said.

Saturday was a rough day for the Wildcats, who lost both games. Game one was all Wolves all game long, as WOU won 28-5. Wilson drove in three of the team's five runs in the game. Senior second baseman Jerame McKereghan reached base four times in the game and scored two runs.

Game two was a heartbreaking

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Kevin Olson
Senior pitcher

loss for the Wildcats after they fought with WOU until the end before falling just short in extra innings, 2-1. Senior pitcher Brian Esparza had his second great outing in as many starts, going seven and one third innings while only giving up four hits and two earned runs. Esparza received the loss despite his great performance on the mound. Both teams received great pitching performances from their starters, but in the eighth inning, the Wolves played fundamental base-

ball to bring home the winning run. After a lead off walk by Esparza, the Wolves successfully sacrificed the runner to second and that led to the game winning hit. One more note from the game was Wilson's school record 24-game hitting streak was snapped.

"I think we are fine, obviously it was a let down, but we have a couple of double headers, so there is no reason why we can't win out," senior pitcher Kevin Olson said.

On Sunday, the Wildcats were able to split with the WOU by winning the second game of the doubleheader 6-4. In game one, the Wolves charged out of the gates with a four-run first inning. This turned out to be too much for the Wildcats to recover from; they lost the game 10-6. Senior first baseman Brian Thomson and junior outfielder Troy Martin both had solo homeruns in the game for Wildcats. The first five hitters in the Wildcat lineup went nine for 23 (.390 avg.) on the afternoon. Junior pitcher Eric Carlson pitched five

strong innings in relief. Carlson gave up only five hits and one run in his five innings of work.

The Wildcats got their only win of the weekend in game two on Sunday. Behind the solid pitching of Olson and timely hitting, the Wildcats won 6-4. Olson threw five and two thirds innings, while allowing seven hits and three earned runs. The win was Olson's fifth of the year; the game was saved by senior pitcher Rob Stumph, his seventh save of the year. Kahn and Wilson each went deep for the Wildcats.

"We pressed, we didn't play our game," Coach Desi Storey said.

The Wildcats lost their makeup game 12-9 against Lewis-Clark State on Tuesday to drop their record to 22-18.

Come support the Wildcats this weekend against Northwest Nazarene on Friday and Saturday at Tomlinson Field. Game one on Friday starts at 1 p.m. with game two following at 4 p.m. Saturday's games start at noon and game two will follow at 3 p.m.

A real American hero on, off the field



Opinion by
Jonathan Mentzer
Staff reporter

Living in America comes with responsibilities. Freedom is something that isn't cheap. Men and women have died for rights that make America the greatest country in the world. One of those men was a man who died Friday in

Afghanistan, fighting for something not because he believed in war, but because he believed in America.

His name was Pat Tillman. What makes this man more unique than any other man or woman that has put their life on the line? Tillman was set to make millions of dollars playing professional football. Tillman was a defensive back for the Arizona Cardinals when the events of September 11 happened. He and his brother Kevin, who played AAA baseball for Cleveland's minor league, saw an opportunity to be true Americans. They enlisted and became Rangers, an elite crop of military personnel.

Tillman was a long haired, hard

hitting linebacker out of Arizona State University and played safety for the Arizona Cardinals. He graduated in only 3 1/2 years with a 3.8 GPA. Tillman was loyal to Arizona so when the Rams tried to lure him with more money he turned them down. And when he made his decision to enlist, he walked away from a contract with the Cardinals that would earn him more than 3 million dollars. Tillman wasn't looking for publicity by enlisting; in fact he didn't even hold a press conference. When arrogant, loud mouthed football players whine and compare what they do for a living with war; a soft spoken, kind hearted Tillman proved that football is just a game

and war is real.

Tillman enlisted on May of 2002, only months after getting married. In an interview he said he couldn't stand by and call himself an American without doing something that he believes in; fighting for freedom when our freedom was being tested. Those that knew him were stunned and saddened along with the sports world with the news that Tillman died. Football players that don an ASU or a Cardinals' jersey will never wear numbers 42 and 40, his numbers in college and in the pros. A memorial to retire his number is set for outside of Sun Devil stadium. America lost a real hero Friday, even though that hero wasn't looking to be one.

Central Sports briefs

by Andrew Grinaker
Sports editor

Football

This Saturday at Tomlinson Field, fans will have their first look at the 2004 Central Washington University football team.

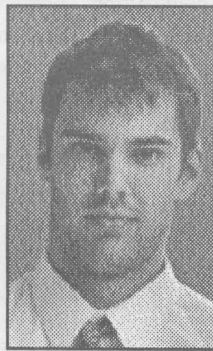
The football team will host their annual "Spring Game" after completing winter practices. The team will face each other, switching offensive and defensive players as the game progresses. Central's spring game is similar to the annual "Purple and Gold" spring game that the University of Washington had last Saturday at Husky Stadium.

The community and Central students are welcome to watch the 10 a.m. start this Saturday.

Roberts to NFL

The Wildcats have sent their second football player in as many years to the National Football League (NFL).

On Monday, Jake Roberts, a 5-year veteran of the Wildcat football program signed a undrafted free agent contract with the Tennessee




Jake Roberts

Titans. Roberts was one of 27 undrafted players the Titans signed on Monday.

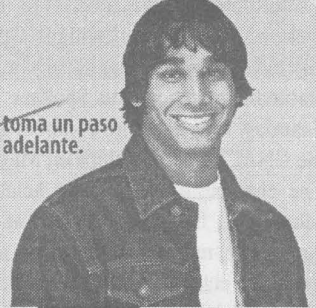
Central Washington Defensive tackle Lance Gibson signed a free agent contract with the New York Jets last year near the same date.

Roberts, an all-Great Northwest Athletic Conference selection, led the Wildcats last season with 67 receptions for 838 yards and 12 touchdowns. Roberts also placed himself in Central's all-time record books. Roberts finished his career third in receiving yards and second in receptions.

Roberts graduated from University High School in 1999 before coming to Central.



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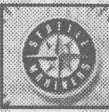
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Softball
Doubleheader
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Football
Spring Game
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10 a.m

Track and Field
Duane Hartman
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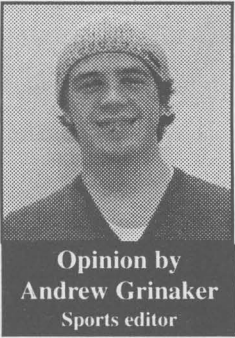
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Beat the Weekly Sports Geek

Was Eli Manning justified in his draft day decision?



Opinion by
Andrew Grinaker
Sports editor

Eli Manning made a life-changing decision over this past weekend that may or may not come back to haunt him. With pressure from his dad, former NFL quarterback Archie Manning, Eli decided to let the public know that he would not play for the San Diego Chargers if they drafted him with the first pick in the draft.

Manning cited that he wanted to play for an immediate contender after he was drafted. An hour after the Chargers chose Manning with the first selection, he was traded to the New York Giants for several other draft picks.

Was Eli Manning justified in his draft day decision?

Probably not, but let's look at this issue from the fan's perspective. If I was a Chargers fan, living in beautiful

San Diego, Manning would be the last quarterback that I would want to lead my team. If he did play for the Chargers, fans and the media would be breathing down his neck all season. I would hate Manning and further fuel my passion to root against players that I hate (Jeremy Shockey). Along the same lines, nothing is worse in sports when an athlete no longer wants anything to do with the town in which he or she is involved in.

Manning isn't the first athlete to make it public he wouldn't play for a certain team. Several athletes have forced teams to trade them after drafting them to avoid a public relations nightmare.

Also, the drafts for each respected sport is the only part of a player's career where they are virtually left out of the decision in where they are going to play. An athlete is going to move his life there, start a family there, and be put in a place where he will be scrutinized by thousands. Shouldn't the athlete have some say in where this is all going to happen?

With the decision, Manning will have to prove himself even more in a town (New York City) that lives its sports lives by the phrase, "What have you done for me lately?" Good luck Eli, good luck.



Opinion by
Aaron Miller
Online editor

It kills me to say this because I am the biggest New York Giants fan in the world, but there is no way Eli Manning should be allowed to dictate where he plays football next year.

Sure other athletes have done it in the past. Eric Lindros was drafted by the Quebec Nordiques (Colorado Avalanche to you Americans). He wouldn't play for them, so he went back to junior hockey until they traded him to the Philadelphia Flyers. John Elway was drafted by the Baltimore Colts but threatened to play baseball if he wasn't traded. We all know how that turned out.

Manning has no right to pick the team he wants to play for. Some veteran players have no-trade clauses in their contracts. Once you have paid your dues I think it is okay to be a lit-

tle bit picky because you have earned that right.

Manning hasn't earned anything. He hasn't even taken a snap in professional football and already thinks he has control. He said one of the reasons he didn't want to be drafted by the San Diego Chargers is because he didn't want to play for a perennial loser like his father Archie had to when he played with the expansion New Orleans Saints. In fact, if Eli was a real man, he would have stepped up and taken the challenge of turning around a Charger franchise that hasn't sniffed the playoffs since 1995.

The bottom line is all of us do something because we love it, whether it is analyzing the earth's crust or finding a cure for cancer. The last time I checked, Manning loved football, so it shouldn't matter who he plays for as long as he is playing. God knows I would rather be a professional football player right now than a college student wondering what the heck I am going to do when I graduate.

I hope Manning realizes what kind of role model he is being for all of those young quarterbacks out there who have a dream of playing in the NFL one day - because that's what it is, a dream, not something you should be able to have ultimate control over.

Have a different opinion than our staff? Tell us what you think.

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Get Outdoors: Biking into the uncharted hills

by Amanda Schank
Staff reporter

Biking has pedaled a long and beaten trail from the days of colored streamers and handlebar baskets, to a new world of trick jumps and high speeds.

Ellensburg's roads and the nearby Taneum and Cle Elum areas provide a network of trails and streets for downhill, cross-country or road biking. No matter the location or type, exercise and fun usually go hand-in-hand with springtime riding.

"I prefer biking to anything else because if you do it well, it's always smooth," Tim Runge, junior communication studies major, said. "It's a Zen sort of thing. You get in the zone and you just cruise."

Past the initial two tires and a chain, the world of biking divides into three main categories - cross-country, downhill and road biking.

Cross-country mountain biking involves distances of 10 to 20 miles on off-road terrain. Graham Johnston, an employee at the Recycle Bicycle Shop, suggests Fishhook Flats trail for beginners and the Taneum Ridge and North Fork Taneum trails for more intermediate riders. All three trails are part of a larger trail system in the Taneum area off Interstate 90.

Also found in the Taneum area is downhill mountain biking. As the more extreme branch of biking, downhill biking is a free-riding combination of jumps and speed. The Taneum Ridge and Gooseberry Flat trails in Taneum and the Rat Pack trail in the



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Two Kittitas country residents bike their way through one of the many trails in the area..

Cle Elum area host natural terrain parks for riders. Johnston recommends bringing more than one car for shuttling up and down the hill.

"It can take long to drive up and then it could be only a seven minute downhill ride, but you go faster and get to jump a lot," Johnston said. "It's really fun."

Either form of mountain biking allows the possibility of injury.

"A good day of mountain biking is when you're sore and have at least one or two scratches," Runge said. "If you haven't wounded yourself somehow, you're not trying."

Unlike mountain biking, the level of extreme in road biking isn't found in the terrain but in the faster speeds.

Road biking requires a paved road and provides a low impact, high intensity workout. Runge says Canyon Road, the road to Selah and Highway 10 are all road biker friendly.

Whatever the type of biking, Sophia Rosales, freshman undecided and avid biker, applies the same advice to every beginner.

"Don't strain yourself when you're first starting," Rosales said. "It doesn't matter if you're lagging behind because you always know where you're trying to end up. Pick your own pace."

For more information on trail maps or equipment, visit the Recycle Bicycle Shop at 307 North Main or call 925-3326.

This Week's Outdoor Event

Place: Taneum and Cle Elum trail systems and roads around Ellensburg.

Event: Cross-country, downhill or road biking.

Time Duration: One hour to a full day.

Equipment Needed: Mountain or road bike, helmet, water, patch kit and pump.

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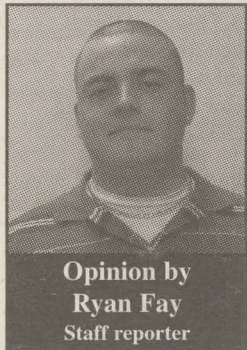
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Forget baseball, bring on football now



Opinion by
Ryan Fay
Staff reporter

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Arena football is
the most boring
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ever invented
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While baseball season is beginning and basketball is ending, I can't help but wish that the football season was closer. It seems as if the season is shorter than any other sport. There is nothing else I look forward to more than "Monday

Night Football," or just laying around all day Sunday watching countless games. There has to be some way that the NFL can extend the season. arena football is television's way of trying to make such a concept happen. However, arena

football is also the most boring version of football ever invented. If only there was some kind of happy medium.

I realize this is a hope that is probably impossible on many different levels; however, pro football is just too good to be so short. It doesn't help that the NFL draft takes place in April, because all that does is make me want to see the new draftees in action as soon as possible.

Baseball and basketball have the same teams on top every year, but in the NFL, the champions tend to be up in the air. When watching baseball you know the Yankees will do well, and in basketball you know the Lakers will be at the top. In football it seems to be different each

year. It is the mystery of which team will step it up that brings the viewing public back each season.

With the Super Bowl being the most watched television event each year, I would think that the television networks would be doing everything they could to extend the season.

All I ask is that the season just goes year round. Is that so much to ask? Although that is impossible, I still can't help but complain. Even if it could be extended four or five more weeks, I could be happy waiting. I guess I will just have to wait for the upcoming season and deal with my NFL withdrawals by watching the Mariners, who are better off not watched.

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